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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR SKOUG

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ESTC, UR

SUBJECT: COMPUTERS FOR THE OLYMPICS

1. IBM INFORMED STATE/COMMERCE LATE MARCH 25 THAT AN IBM NEGOTIATING TEAM IN MOSCOW HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SOVIETS THAT IBM WOULD RECEIVE ORDER FOR COMPUTERS TO BE USED AT OLYMPICS IF FIRM OBTAINED U.S. ASSURANCES THAT AN EXPORT LICENSE WOULD BE APPROVED. THIS FOLLOWED SOVIET'S ADVISE THAT END-USER/END-USE FOR EQUIPMENT FOLLOWING OLYMPICS WOULD BE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS BY CITY OF MOSCOW. THIS END-USE INFORMATION WAS A KEY IN MAKING A DECISION ON THE LICENSABILITY OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

2. INASMUCH AS NO FORMAL LICENSE APPLICATION HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED, NOR HAS THE CONFIGURATION OF THE EQUIPMENT BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT WITH THE SOV OLYMPIC  
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COMMITTEE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE. HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF ACCOMODATING IBM AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT QUOTES HERewith CONCLUSION OF A LETTER OF MARCH 28 FROM RAUER MEYER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EXPORT CONTROL, DEPT. OF COMMERCE, TO IBM-WASHINGTON: QUOTE YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 25 (GIVING SOV ULTIMATE END-USER

INFORMATION) HAS PROVIDED IN GENERAL TERMS THE INFORMATION REQUIRED CONCERNING THE END USE. THEREFORE, OEA WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION AND, PER YOUR REQUEST, WILL EXPEDITE THE REVIEW BY ALL INVOLVED USG AGENCIES. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOUR FORMAL LICENSE APPLICATION WILL REFLECT SATISFACTORY AND APPROPRIATE PRE- AND POST-OLYMPIC UTILIZATION OF THESE COMPUTERS, YOU CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN EXPORT LICENSE ON THE SCHEDULE YOU REQUESTED. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW FROM ABOVE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN ANY DISCUSSIONS THIS MATTER.  
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